



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 483**

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House Bill No. 5106

*House of Representatives, April 7, 2008*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR JUDICIAL MARSHALS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any member of the state
- 2 employees retirement system who is serving as a judicial marshal on
- 3 the effective date of this section and who served as a special deputy
- 4 sheriff on or after July 1, 1990, may elect to purchase retirement credit
- 5 for such prior special deputy sheriff service rendered on or after July 1,
- 6 1990, provided such member provides written notification of such
- 7 election to the State Employees Retirement Commission on or before
- 8 October 1, 2008, and makes retirement contributions for such prior
- 9 service in an amount equal to the contributions that would have been
- 10 required to be made by the member in accordance with the terms of
- 11 the retirement plan to which the member belongs on or after the
- 12 effective date of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**LAB**      *Joint Favorable C/R*

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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 09 \$</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Cost	1,400,000	1,400,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	State Employees Retirement Fund - Increased Liability	See below	See below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill allows approximately 270 judicial marshals to purchase up to 9 additional years of credited service in the State Employees Retirement System (SERS). The 2% contribution required under Tier IIA does not cover the full cost of the additional credit.

As a result of Special Act 06-7, the SERS actuarial consultant calculated the state cost associated with the additional retirement credit for judicial marshals. It was determined that the increase in the SERS unfunded accrued liability as a result of the additional service credit is \$15.4 million and the increased state contribution to SERS is approximately \$1.4 million annually. No funding for this provision was included in sHB 5021, the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee

#### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5106*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR JUDICIAL MARSHALS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a judicial marshal to purchase retirement credit in the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) for any special deputy sheriff service on or after July 1, 1990 if three criteria are met. The employee must (1) be in state service as a marshal on the effective date of the bill, (2) provide written notification of his or her purchase intention by October 1, 2008 to the State Employees Retirement Commission, and (3) make retirement contributions for prior service equal to the contributions that would have been required by the retirement plan (Tier IIA) the employee belongs to on or after the bill's effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Judicial Marshals***

In 2000, special deputy sheriffs, who provided courtroom security and inmate transportation, became judicial marshals and members of SERS. Before 2000, they were not state employees and therefore did not get state employee retirement benefits.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/11/2008)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea     40     Nay   0     (03/24/2008)